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Governor Gray Davis State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I encourage you to pursue the resolution of California's water issues through the CALFED Bay/Delta Program.

Agriculture in California uses more than 80% of California's water, yet continues to use it inefficiently, largely due to the heavily subsidized price of water. The efficient use of water must be imposed before new dams or reservoirs are even considered.

Adequate fresh water should be provided for rivers, bays and fisheries.

Water quality for people and wildlife should be improved by enforcing pollution limits.

Taxpayers should not be expected to pay for studies of new dams and reservoirs that flood wildlife habitat and remove water from our rivers.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Tom Hannigan

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